

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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SOYBEAN VARIETY XB43W04

the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto

was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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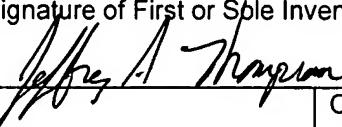
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Date: 1-23-04

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